

Remarks

Claims 1-3 and 6-26 are pending in this application. Claims 4 and 5 have been canceled. Claims 1-3 and 6-22 have been amended. New claims 23-26 have been added. No new matter has been added.

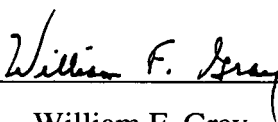
The present amendments make the claims closer to the usual US form and remove some multiple dependencies, for the purpose of facilitating prosecution in the US PTO.

Please note that claims 14-21 are independent claims, not dependent claims, despite the fact that each refers to several lower number claims. A proper dependent claim not only refers to one or more other claims, but also further limits those claims. In the present amended claims, the reference to other claims in claims 14-21 is merely "shorthand" to avoid the necessity of reciting the definitions of the various combinations.

In view of the above amendments, the claims of this application are deemed to be of a form which is amenable to prosecution. Examination in due course is accordingly requested.

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